Lack of efficiency of engineers

†2762. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a statement made by Kiran Karnik, the Chief of National Association of the Software and Services Companies saying that there is lack of efficiency in the engineers inspite of their having degree in engineering;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to take concrete steps to raise the level of edcation in this directions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) has raised the issue of employability of engineering graduates in India. A Working Group was constituted by the Ministry to examine the issues raised by NASSCOM. The Working Group has *inter alia* recommended Finishing Schools for engineering graduates to enhance their employability, changes in the syllabi of various engineering colleges so as to make them compatible with the needs of the industry, etc.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Himachal Pradesh

2763. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is being implemented successfully in all the districts of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of success of the scheme during the last three years;

(c) whether the scheme is supposed to bring to the State 100 per cent literacy;

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(d) if so, whether Government have made any strategy for the year 2006-07 to apply resources more effectively to achieve the goal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), a National flagship programme to provide quality elementary education to all children in the 6-14 years age group in a time bound manner, is being implemented in all the 12 districts of Himachal Pradesh. Through an independent survey conducted in 2005 it was estimated that there are approximately 5027 children in the 6—14 years age group who were out of school.

The Government of India has approved an outlay of Rs. 121.18 crore for implementation of the SSA for the year 2006-07 for Himachal Pradesh.

CAG revelations on SSA and Mid-Day Meal Scheme

†2764. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has revealed any misuse of amount allotted by the Centre to the States under the heads of 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-day Meal scheme';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to eradicate corruption in these campaigns;

(d) whether Government would collect data relating to success of these campaigns through the district Collectors; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) In the light of the report on the Performance Audit of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), submitted by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India in August 2006, for the period 2001-02 to 2004-05, and the examination of the points raised therein by the Government of India and State/UT SSA programmes, an

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